

2008 WATER & SEWER RATES

***Effective Date April 1, 2008**

In accordance with City of Houston, Code of Ordinance 2004-299, Water and Sewer Rates are adjusted annually based on the increase in costs in the region. A 1.8% adjustment (based on the Consumer Price Index) will take effect April 1, 2008 and will allow the City to deal with rising costs without having to cut back on services. This adjustment is also key in funding investments to prevent flooding in our neighborhoods, to rehabilitate aging water and sewer lines and to safeguard the security of our water supply.

For some classifications, the minimum charge is affected by the meter size. For all classifications that include sewer, the consumption used to determine the appropriate sewer charge is the same as that for water. Adjusted rates will appear on customer bills starting in **May 2008**.

Single - Family Residential Accounts - TU 01, 02, & 03

Meter Size (Inches)	Consumption (Gallons)	Water Charge	Sewer Charge
5/8" through 3" meters	0 - 1,000	\$3.28	\$6.20
	2,000	\$7.77	
	3,000	\$7.77	
	4,000	\$15.23	\$15.01
	5,000	\$18.04	\$17.82
	6,000	\$20.85	\$3.76 per 1,000 gallons + \$1.09 service fee
	7,000 - 12,000	\$20.85 + \$2.78 per additional 1,000 gallons over 6,000	
	Over 12,000	\$37.53 + \$5.02 per additional 1,000 gallons over 12,000	

Note: The \$1.09 fee will not appear on the bill as a separate line item on the bill.

EXAMPLES:

1,000 gallons (low-user rate)	\$3.28 Water <u>\$6.20 Sewer</u> \$9.48 Total / Month
7,000 gallons	\$23.63 Water <u>\$27.41 Sewer</u> (\$1.09 fee included) \$51.04 Total / Month
14,000 gallons	\$ 47.57 Water <u>\$ 53.73 Sewer</u> (\$1.09 fee included) \$101.30 Total / Month

Multi-Family Accounts - TU 14-19

- **TU 14** (duplex – 2 units)
- **TU 15** (triplex – 3 units)
- **TU 16** (four-plex – 4 units)
- **TU 17** (master-metered town homes – any number of units)
- **TU 18** (apartments of 5+ units)
- **TU 19** (trailer parks)

Meter Size (Inches)	Consumption (Gallons)	Minimum Water Charge	Sewer Charge All Sizes
5/8, 3/4	0 - 2,000	\$11.08	\$3.76 per 1,000 gallons +\$1.09 Service Fee
1		\$13.67	
1.5		\$17.82	
2		\$22.09	
3		\$40.83	
4		\$61.92	
6		\$114.99	
8		\$167.95	
	Over 2,000	+ \$2.45 per 1,000 additional gallons, regardless of meter size.	

Light Commercial Accounts - TU 21 – 39

Meter Size (Inches)	Minimum Consumption (Gallons)	Water Charge	Sewer Charge
5/8", 3/4"	0 - 2,000	\$14.57	0 – 2,000 gallons is \$10.60
	3,000	\$14.57	Additional usage is \$3.77 per 1,000 gallons over minimum
	Over 3,000	+ \$2.78 per 1,000 gallons over minimum	

Commercial (1" and Larger Meter Size)- TU 21-60

Meter Size (Inches)	Minimum Consumption (Gallons)	Minimum Water Charge	Sewer Charge
1	0 - 3,000	\$17.14	For all meter sizes minimum sewer charge is \$12.68 for 2,000 gallons or less. All usage over 2,000 gallons is \$12.68 + \$4.82 per 1,000 additional gallons.
1.5	0 - 10,000	\$40.93	
2	0 - 16,000	\$62.04	
3	0 - 35,000	\$134.08	
4	0 - 60,000	\$225.30	
6	0 - 125,000	\$460.72	
8	0 - 180,000	\$667.99	
ALL METER SIZES	Per additional 1,000 gallons over minimum	+ \$2.78	

Transient Meter Accounts - TU 71

Meter Size (Inches)	Consumption	Water Charge	Rental Fee per Month
1"	All usage	+\$2.78 per 1,000 gallons	\$15
2"			\$20
3"			\$25

Lawn Meter Accounts - TU 72

Meter Size (Inches)	Minimum Consumption (Gallons)	Minimum Water Charge
5/8, 3/4	0 - 3,000	\$21.30
1	0 - 3,000	\$23.88
1.5	0 - 10,000	\$63.38
2	0 - 16,000	\$97.95
3	0 - 35,000	\$212.62
4	0 - 60,000	\$359.96
6	0 - 125,000	\$741.26
8	0 - 180,000	\$1,071.95
ALL METER SIZES	Per additional 1,000 gallons over minimum	+ \$5.02

Customers may choose to close these accounts in the winter, subject to the usual \$5.00 fee for re-opening lawn meter account.

Other Classes:

Sewer Only Accounts (Metered Water) - TU 61

These customers take their water from Non-City of Houston wells. Rates are set according to the property use, meaning residential, multi-family, and commercial, etc.

Effluent Accounts - TU 62

Effluent accounts have metered sewer discharge, and may be set at commercial or industrial rates. Please refer any questions to Wastewater Branch at (281) 575-2833.

Industrial & Remediation Accounts - TU 21-39, 63

Meter Size (Inches)	Minimum Consumption (Gallons)	Minimum Water Charge*	Sewer Charge
5/8, 3/4	0 - 3,000	\$14.57	For all meter sizes, minimum sewer charge is \$12.73 for 2,000 gallons or less. All usage over 2,000 gallons is \$4.84 per 1,000 additional gallons. Additional charges per City of Houston, Code of Ordinance §47-143**
1	0 - 3,000	\$17.14	
1.5	0 - 10,000	\$40.93	
2	0 - 16,000	\$62.04	
3	0 - 35,000	\$134.08	
4	0 - 60,000	\$225.30	
6	0 - 125,000	\$460.72	
8	0 - 180,000	\$667.99	
ALL METER SIZES	Per additional 1,000 gallons over minimum	+\$2.78	

*Minimum charge for water if present on account.

Industrial is only a sewer class/rate, but may be considered a sub-type of Commercial. There is no such thing as an "industrial or remedial water rate". Non-remediation accounts (TU 21-39) usually serve a commercial facility of some type, so the water rates shown above are a combination of the standard and light commercial rates. Remediation accounts (TU 63) are temporary sewer accounts set up during environmental clean-ups. These never have water charges.

**For questions on additional surcharges for industrial waste or regarding prohibited discharges, contact Wastewater Branch at (281) 575-2833.

Resale Accounts - TU 73

Meter Size (Inches)	Minimum Consumption (Gallons)	Minimum Water Charge
5/8, 3/4	0 - 3,000	\$16.15
1	0 - 3,000	\$18.74
1.5	0 - 10,000	\$46.21
2	0 - 16,000	\$70.47
3	0 - 35,000	\$152.53
4	0 - 60,000	\$256.95
6	0 - 125,000	\$526.65
8	0 - 180,000	\$762.91
ALL METER SIZES	Per additional 1,000 gallons over minimum	+\$3.31

Emergency Back-Up Service Accounts - TU 74

Meter Size (Inches)	Minimum Consumption (Gallons)	Minimum Water Charge
5/8, 3/4	0 - 3,000	\$6.15
1	0 - 3,000	\$8.74
1.5	0 - 10,000	\$12.88
2	0 - 16,000	\$17.14
3	0 - 35,000	\$35.90
4	0 - 60,000	\$56.98
6	0 - 125,000	\$110.06
8	0 - 180,000	\$163.03
ALL METER SIZES	Per additional 1,000 gallons over minimum	+\$4.54

Un-Metered Fire Line Service Charge - TU 21 - 60, 75

Meter Size (Inches)	Minimum Water Charge
5/8, 3/4	\$11.21
1	\$11.21
1.5	\$44.61
2	\$65.81
3	\$65.81
4	\$65.81
6	\$73.29
8+	\$80.78

Un-Metered fire line accounts are billed a monthly service charge only, under the provision of City of Houston, Code of Ordinances §47-63 and §47-64.

Metered Fire Line Service Charge Only - TU 21 - 60

Meter Size (Inches)	Minimum Consumption (Gallons)	Minimum Water Charge
5/8, 3/4	0 - 3,000	\$14.57
1	0 - 3,000	\$17.14
1.5	0 - 10,000	\$40.93
2+	0 - 16,000	\$62.04
ALL METER SIZES	Per additional 1,000 gallons over minimum	\$2.78

Un-Metered Sewer Only Accounts - TU 81 - 82

Special rates apply to sewer customers who do not receive water from the City of Houston and whose source is not metered. Below are monthly rates, but accounts will continue to be billed bi-monthly. Questions on these accounts contact Wastewater Branch at (281) 575-2833.

Class	Monthly Fee
Single Family Residential	\$16.22
Duplex	\$31.35
Multi-family (3+ units)	\$16.22 per single family unit
Light Commercial	\$35.26 per unit*
Commercial	\$44.12 per unit*
Industrial	\$44.31 per unit*

*Defined in §47-1002